

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Marc Richelsoph

Serial No. 10/823,369 Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: 04/13/2004 Examiner: STOKES, Candice Capri

For: SCREW AND ROD FIXATION ASSEMBLY AND DEVICE

Attorney Docket No: 2186.00036

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated September 30, 2005, Part of Paper No. 20050921, and the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20050613. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to November 16, 2005. The appropriate petition fee of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith. Please enter the following amendments to the application in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

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